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LETTER DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that over the period 12-18 February 1992 United States aircraft have persisted in their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation, as set forth below.

12-13 February 1992

Twelve sorties, flown by four two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 6,000 metres, centred over Irbil, Mosul, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Dohuk.

13-14 February 1992

Twenty sorties, flown by eight two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at a speed of 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

14-15 February 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by eight two-aircraft formations and six single aircraft at speeds of 750 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,500 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Irbil.

At 1045 hours on the same day, two F-111s overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 500 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 300 metres.

At 1100, 1125 and 1216 hours, three two-aircraft formations of Jaguars overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 500 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 30 to 50 metres.

15-16 February 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by one three-aircraft formation, seven two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,500 to 6,500 metres, centred over Dohuk, Zakho, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Dukan and Ayn Zalah.

17-18 February 1992

Thirty-six sorties, flown by 18 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 750 to 850 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,500 to 7,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Sinjar, Rawanduz, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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